



The Grove City Division of Police

*“The mission of the Grove
City Division of Police is
to serve and protect all
by providing professional
law enforcement services
in partnership with the
community.”*



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BUSINESS SECURITY CHECKLIST



GROVE CITY DIVISION OF POLICE

3360 Park Street • Grove City • Ohio • 43123

(614) 277-1710 ... Non-Emergency

911 ... Emergency

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CHIEF STEVEN R ROBINETTE



MAYOR RICHARD L. STAGE





Grove City Division of Police
Chief Steven R. Robinette

Grove City Resident,

The Grove City Division of Police prides itself on a Community Oriented style of policing. Community Oriented Policing is a joint effort between the police department and the community that identifies problems related to crime and the search for a solution. Effective community policing helps to reduce the fear of crime and improves the quality of life in Grove City.

It is very important to all members of the Grove City Division of Police that residents are familiar with their local law enforcement agency and the programs that are offered. These programs include our Don't Tempt a Thief Program, Crime Alert Program, and our new Home Security Checklist Program.

This Home Security Checklist was designed to provide you with important security tips and information to help prevent you and your loved ones from becoming victims of crime. Please contact the Crime Prevention office if you would like further information.

Together we can work in the fight against crime.

Sincerely,

Chief Steven R. Robinette

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Medical Emergency..... 911

Police Non-Emergency.....(614) 277-1710

Police Crime Prevention.....(614) 277-1765

Police Administration.....(614) 277-1700

Police Anonymous Tip Line.....(614) 277-1808

Grove City Administration.....(614) 277-3000

Poison Control.....(614) 228-1323

Animal Control.....(614) 462-3400

Columbia Gas Emergency.....(614) 461-1576

American Electric

Power Emergency.....1-800-277-2177

Alarm Company_____

Clip this phone listing and keep it near your phone. Add any additional emergency phone numbers or work numbers in the spaces provided.

Power Tools/Large Equipment

Item Make Model Serial #

Other Property

Item Make Model Serial #



Crime Prevention



Cyber BusinessWatch

One of the most visible and fastest growing of the community crime prevention programs. Members receive quarterly newsletters via email and are alerted with criminal activity watches specifically geared to businesses, small or large. Membership forms are in our Cyber BlockWatch pamphlets

Crime Alerts

Members receive current crime trend information via email alerts. Information may include: criminal activity in specific areas, crime trends to watch for, recent scam patterns, and suspect photos. Membership forms are in our Crime Alert pamphlets.



CRIME_{MAPPING}

NEW! Now you can find out information on criminal activity in Grove City or in your own neighborhood. Information on reported crimes over the past 30 days is available by clicking on the Crime Mapping link at **POLICE.GROVECITYOHIO.GOV.**



Grove City Safety Complex
3360 Park Street
Grove City, Ohio 43123

Emergency..... 911
Non-Emergency.....(614) 277-1710
Crime Prevention.....(614) 277-1765

DOORS, WINDOWS & OPENINGS

	Yes	No
Are all entrance doors clearly visible from either the parking lot or the street?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do all entrances have shatterproof windows that allow a person to look outside before opening the door?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all doors fire-rated, self-closing and hinged on the outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all door/window locks in good repair?		
Are back doors locked during operating hours to prevent entry of intruders, and equipped with panic hardware for emergency exit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employee entrances and other entrances/exits closed securely and locked to prevent entry of intruders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are height lines marked on the door frame or on the wall where they can be seen by employees at the cash register to help identify the height of robbers or burglars?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are windows clear of posters or signs that block the view inside and outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are windows that can open always closed and locked when the business is closed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can the window locks and safety bars be easily unlocked by employees to use as an emergency exit if necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are heating, ventilation, and air conditioning ducts covered and at least 10 ft. off the ground to prevent entry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Business Credit Cards/Accounts

Company Name	Card #	Expiration Date

Finance/Accounting Information

Bank/Company Name	Type of Account	Account/Reference #

Business Cellular Phones/Pagers

Make/Type Model Phone # Serial #

Televisions, VCRs, DVD Players and Stereo Equipment

Item Make Model Serial #

EXTERIOR

Yes No

Are exterior lights bright enough?

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Are exterior lights protected by wire cages over the bulbs?

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Are exterior lights serviced by a backup power supply?

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Are exterior lights around the parking lot working?

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Are the lights in, above, or near all entrances working?

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Are the lights for outdoor areas working?

☐ ☐

Are all fences in good repair?

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Are shrubs and bushes near entrances and around the parking lot trimmed to eliminate hiding places?

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Are the fences around outdoor patios, terraces and gardens secured and in good repair?

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Is the furniture in outdoor areas secured or locked inside the building during non-operating hours?

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Is the trash or Dumpster area well lit? Is the lid or cover to the trash or Dumpster locked to prevent illegal dumping or someone hiding inside?

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Are mirrors installed on the corners of the building so an employee has a view of the sides and back of the building from the back doorway?

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INTERIOR AREAS

Yes No

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Computers and Computer Equipment

Serial #

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RECORD BUSINESS VALUABLES

It is very important to keep a written record of your valuables. A business inventory can be very helpful in cases of theft, robbery, flooding and fire. A list should include: make, model, serial numbers and any other distinguishing marks. If possible you should also include photos or video tape of your valuables. This record and any photos or video tapes should be kept in a fireproof safe or a safe deposit box.

Vehicles/Buses/Golf Carts/Etc.

Year	Make	Model	Color	License #	Serial/VIN #
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OPENING AND CLOSING YOUR BUSINESS

Yes No

Are security practices integrated into procedures for opening and closing? ☐ ☐

Are there written policies for employees who open and close the facility? ☐ ☐

Is a manager always present for opening and closing? ☐ ☐

Are employees trained in opening and closing procedures? ☐ ☐

Do employees work in teams to open and close? ☐ ☐

Do employees inspect the exterior of the building for signs of a burglary or vandalism before entering? ☐ ☐

Do employees observe anyone who might be in the area before unlocking and entering the business? ☐ ☐

Do employees lock the door behind them and keep it locked until it's time to open for business? ☐ ☐

Are employees told to allow only scheduled employees to enter the business before opening hours? ☐ ☐

Do employees make a complete inspection of the facility before closing to confirm no one is hiding inside? Including the restrooms? ☐ ☐

Are employees told not to let in anyone after closing? ☐ ☐

Are all doors locked promptly at closing and kept locked until while any employees are in the business? ☐ ☐

CASH MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

CASH REGISTERS

	Yes	No
Are cash registers located in central areas and not near exits?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is lighting over all cash registers bright, to ensure visibility from the street and from other rooms?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is access to cash registers limited to certain employees?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there written employee policies for the handling of money and receipts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employees who handle cash transactions trained in cash handling procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have employees signed a cash-handling policy statement?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all employees who handle cash, checks and credit cards trained to recognize forgery and counterfeit money, money orders, traveler's checks and driver licenses and how to deal with con artists?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are managers required to oversee all corrections of errors in cash register entries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If your point-of-sale system allows the handling of cash, are cashiers required to make deposits in drop safes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are hourly drops for money required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employees who handle cash instructed in policies regarding cash back on checks, credit cards or gift certificates?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

WORKING WITH CONTRACTORS

	Yes	No
Is access by a contractor limited to specific times, entrances and areas within the building?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are contractors supervised by a specified employee or the manager while on the premises?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are contracts reviewed by a lawyer or the legal department before they are signed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If necessary, is approval granted for a contract before it is signed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are records or reports of all work performed by contractors compared to terms in the contract and kept on file?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

WORKING WITH VENDORS

	Yes	No
Is vendor access to the business limited to specific times, entrances and areas within the building?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are vendors supervised by a specified employee or the manager while they are on the premises?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are manager-approved purchase orders required before ordering supplies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all shipments/supplies immediately checked against invoices?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all received supplies spot-checked as necessary for correct quality and quantity ordered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all received supplies removed from the dock/receiving area to storage as soon as possible?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are boxes and "empties" removed by vendors checked to make sure supplies or equipment are not being hidden inside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all stock supplies given inventory numbers and rotated to ensure use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is a written inventory maintained and updated daily or weekly for everything in stock/storage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CASH MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

CASH REGISTERS, CONTINUED

	Yes	No
Before opening, are cash registers supplied with a minimum amount of cash?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are receipts generated for each cash register transaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is one transaction completed and rung out before another is begun?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are cash drawers to all registers kept closed and locked between transactions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are "over-rings" and "voids" on point-of-sale computers and cash registers approved by managers before transactions are completed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are tape receipts reconciled with cash in the drawer at least once each shift?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is excess cash removed from registers during the day to prevent a build-up of cash on hand?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are cash and credit card receipts removed from the facility or securely locked away after each business day?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CASH MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

	Yes	No
Are checks and deposit slips locked up?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is access to checks, deposit slips and receipts divided up by two or more managers or employees to provide a system of checks and balances in accounting procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If applicable, are the bonding requirements for employees met?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all payments made by check countersigned by Bonded signatories?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are bank statements promptly reconciled against deposit records and checks issued?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are both regular and unannounced audits performed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If paychecks are generated on a back-office computer, are these checks and access to the computer system limited to the certain individuals and kept locked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is petty cash kept to a minimum and properly secured?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are receipts for petty cash recorded and balanced regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are security paper and/or security features used to prevent illegal duplication or alteration of paychecks or gift certificates produced by an on-site computer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a record-keeping system to monitor the disbursement and receipt of gift certificates and coupons, so they cannot be duplicated or used more than once?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING EMERGENCIES

	Yes	No
Is there a written policy for dealing with theft, robberies, alarm responses, threats and other security issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are report forms accessible to employees to fill out in the event of an incident?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do employees finish reports on time and accurately?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have employees been trained in the procedures for handling a robbery, violence, and other security situations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a poster or sticker near all telephones with emergency procedures and numbers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the name of the business, street address, and telephone number written on or near all phones?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GUEST SECURITY

	Yes	No
Are signs warning about possible security dangers posted near the parking lot, entrances, guest coat racks, and restrooms where guests can easily read and understand them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are guests' coats and their belongings checked using proper checking procedures and receipts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If valet parking is provided, are proper procedures used for parking, storing keys and returning cars?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are guests protected from assaults by employees, other guests and intruders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there written procedures for employees that describe how to protect guests from other guests, intruders or emergencies, such as unruly crowds?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there report forms for the use of employees or managers to record incidents involving theft or customer property or unruly behavior?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CASH MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

SAFES

	Yes	No
Is money counted only behind a closed, locked door?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all receipts counted and cash deposited and secured in a safe at the end of the day?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are safes equipped with secure one-way drop slots for deposits?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are safe combinations written down and kept in a secure location?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are safes secured to the floor or wall so they cannot be removed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are safes kept locked at all times?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the safe is in a manager's office, is the office locked when the manager is not inside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CASH MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

BANK DEPOSITS

	Yes	No
Does the manager oversee the preparation of money for bank deposits?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are deposits made by different managers or employees?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are deposits made in a timely manner so that cash does not build up to high amounts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are deposits sent to the bank by armored car or bonded messenger?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is money to be deposited in the bank in a bag or package that does not look like a bank deposit bag?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the manager or an employee takes deposits to the bank, is the route, the day and time of bank deposits varied constantly to prevent a predictable pattern that robbers might follow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
While at the bank, do employees know not to talk to anyone except the teller?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If a night deposit slot or box at the bank is used after hours, do employees know they should not approach it if other people are standing around?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do employees know to report any unusual occurrences they may notice on the way to or while they are at the bank?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SENSOR ALARMS

	Yes	No
Are sensors and alarms used for each entrance, all storage areas, cash register and safes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are sensors and alarms properly set?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are sensor and alarms maintained in working order?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are alarms tested regularly by the supplier?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employees trained in the policies and use of alarm and sensor systems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do employees know what to do in the event of a false alarm or accidental triggering?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all security systems and security-related renovations checked against accessibility requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECURITY PERSONNEL & SERVICES

	Yes	No
Do security officers arrive and leave on time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do security officers follow all established procedures for patrols and other duties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do security contractors or guards submit reports?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are security officers well trained and competent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GENERAL ALARM SYSTEMS

	Yes	No
Are there procedures for making, storing, dispersing and retrieving all keys or access cards to the facilities and safes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are lock cylinders or access codes kept secret and changed as necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are security controls in place and used for all point-of-sale and office computer systems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are computer access codes kept secret and changed as necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are policies in place against allowing former employees/acquaintances/relatives or current employees in the facility after closing, or in restricted areas during business hours?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are signs posted to deter theft (such as "Cash register has less than \$20," "This business is protected by an alarm system" and "Employees cannot open safe")?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have employees been told not to give out information about operating and security procedures to guests, telephone callers and outside contractors/vendors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are identification badges, nametags or uniforms used to identify employees?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employees required to park far enough from the building so that they cannot transfer stolen items to their vehicles?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employee arrivals and departures restricted to certain times and doorways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is employee access to the building restricted on days off?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MANAGEMENT WORK PROCEDURES

TRAINING AND MONITORING EMPLOYEES

	Yes	No
Is local or first-line management involved in security training for employees, security inspections and communication about security policies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are new employees aware of the serious effects for the business, and their own livelihood, from even small thefts or security policy violations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have employees received training in security procedures and policies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have employees been trained to use the security systems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are work schedules posted and changed only with the manager's permission?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If employees are assigned to report and correct safety violations, are they given the training, time, and authority to carry out these assignments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employees uncomfortable about reporting security violations to management?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employees provided with recognition or incentives for following security rules?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employees given praise for noticing security violations and bringing them to the attention of management?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MANAGEMENT WORK PROCEDURES

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

	Yes	No
Is senior management involved in creating security policy and regularly informed of security issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all employee records and files kept confidential and locked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are references checked for each job applicant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If drug testing is used, are signed permission forms obtained from the employees when hired and kept on file?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the results of drug test kept confidential and locked up?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is local management trained to recognize signs of theft, drug and alcohol abuse or severe employee discontent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are exit interviews conducted and written notes from these interviews kept on file for dismissed employees and those who chose to leave?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EMPLOYEE WORK PROCEDURES

	Yes	No
Do employees understand the legal definition of theft, and the business definition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have all employees received, read and signed a written policy on security procedures, including theft, drug and alcohol abuse, harassment and the employees responsibilities for compliance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do employees understand company actions in the event of a policy violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have employees signed a consent form to follow all established policies and to abide by actions taken in the event of a violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are signed employee consent forms kept on file by the manager?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

TAKING OUT THE TRASH

	Yes	No
Is trash taken by two or more employees?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the back door closed and locked after the trash is dumped?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is trash only taken outside to the dumpster before dark?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are trashcans, non-flattened boxes inspected by a manager to see that no merchandise or supplies are being removed from the business?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are your dumpsters good hiding places for criminals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>